

GERMAN MINE CATASTROPHE

Fire Damp Creates Havoc in Saarbruck Mine, and Kills Probably Three Hundred.

SECOND EXPLOSION KILLS MANY RESCUERS

Mine Blocked Up and Work Will Be Taken in Clearing It Explosion 2,300 Feet Under Ground—Fire Starts.

By Associated Press. SAARBRUCK, Germany, January 28.—A fire damp explosion occurred this morning in the Reda coal mine at St. Jean-Munster, opposite Saarbruck, and caused the loss of from 150 to 200 lives. The mine is owned by the Prussian government.

Up to 6 o'clock this evening seventy-seven bodies had been recovered and fifty-six corpses are known to be underground.

Only fifty live men have been brought out and these the doctors say at least thirty-five will die, as they are frightfully injured through having been buried against the walls of the galleries by the force of the explosion.

Rescuers Hampered An official report says that the number of dead cannot exceed 160. Immediately after the explosion rescue workers were hurried from all the adjacent mines and boldly entered the shaft in great numbers. The work of rescue has been greatly hampered by poisonous gases rising from the explosion and by lines that broke out immediately afterwards. This caused the efforts at rescue to be suspended and workers had to be ordered out of the mine.

Explosion Gets Rescuers After all the rescuers had reached daylight, according to one version, a second terrible detonation was heard underground. But according to another report, many rescuers were still below when the second explosion occurred. It is estimated that the casualty list from the two explosions will be three hundred. It is regarded as certain that the lowest levels of the mines are completely wrecked and inspectors are deliberating upon further measures to get control of the fire.

The managers are discussing the advisability of flooding these levels as the only means of extinguishing the flames. It is believed that all of the men who were in the lower levels are dead. It will take a week to enter and explore the mine.

Four Hundred Escaped The disaster occurred 2,300 feet under the ground and a quarter of a mile from the floor of the shaft. It is the greatest mining catastrophe ever known in the Saarbruck region.

About 600 men entered the mine for the day shift, but 400 escaped through the Bidersteck shaft, which communicates with the Reda, underground. At a late hour tonight it was uncertain how many were in the mine, reports being conflicting.

Entrance to the galleries underground are blocked with dead horses. Most of the bodies are mangled beyond recognition.

Kaiser Calls for Report Mine inspectors have ordered the rescuers to return to their homes but to hold themselves in readiness for further orders. Emperor William has ordered that a full report be sent him. Experts calculate that the rescue work will take one week.

French Sympathize PARIS, January 28.—President Fallieres, Foreign Minister Pinchon and the municipal council of Paris have telegraphed Emperor William expressing sympathy for France in the Saarbruck disaster and recalling the generous assistance given by Germany at the time of the Conrieres catastrophe.

Three Killed in France LENZ, France, January 28.—A disaster at first believed to involve a loss of many lives, occurred at a coal mine at Lenz, in the Conrieres district. The explosion was caused by fire damp. A man followed, preventing the work of rescue until the soldiers restored order. The mayor of Lenz, an old-time miner, is superintending the rescue work. The bodies of the chief engineer and two assistants have been recovered. An official investigation which has been made declared that only three lives were lost. This has been posted, but the crowd is unbelieving.

JAPANESE WOMEN ARE CAUGHT CROSSING RIVER

By Associated Press. EL PASO, TEXAS, January 28.—Sixty Japanese women were found concealed in a box car near here this morning by immigration officers. They included several women disguised as boys. They had ended the river to avoid the payment of the head tax.

JAPANESE PREMIER TALKS TO MERCHANTS

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, January 28.—A special to the Daily News from Tacoma says:

"The leading business men to Tokio, Kioto and Nagoya were entertained by the Japanese premier, Marquis Saionji, today. The premier in his address affirmed that beyond all question the country is at present on a higher wave of prosperity on account of its foreign trade, excess of exports over imports and general industrial activity. Nevertheless, he showed it was possible for the fever of speculation to develop to dangerous proportions and said he wished the Japanese business men to contrive so that the current of fortune on which the country is floating should not be interrupted. He added that both himself and colleagues felt some anxiety and begged the business men to accept the responsibility of restoring and maintaining the wholesome tone in commerce and manufacturing."

SELL CHILDREN TO KEEP ALIVE

Famine in China Worst in Forty Years—Millions May Starve to Death

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, January 28.—Mail reports from the American consular officials in China regarding the famine further confirm the stories of suffering and hardship. Consul Haynes of Nanking says that the famine is ten times worse than anything known for forty years. Chinese officials, upon information given by the viceroy, admit inability to cope with the situation. The government is trying to help the starving people. Consul Haynes declares that whatever aid may be extended by this government in the present crisis will certainly do much to dispel the feeling aroused by the boycott and exclusion act.

Consul General Rogers at Shanghai advises the department that the reports appearing in newspapers are for the most part sustained by investigation made by American naval officers. The general expectation is that the famine by March 1 will be regarded as severe, and perhaps more so than that of 1878, by which it is thought ten million lives were lost.

Dr. Henry M. Woods of the Southern Presbyterian mission at Hwai Ain Pu, who estimates that ten millions are affected by the famine, four millions of whom are starving, says more than a half million refugees at Tsing Kiang Pu are huddled in mat sheds and that the pitiful sight is daily witnessed of parents offering children for sale at \$2 to \$4. Brigandage and robbery, he adds, are everywhere rife.

Rogers declares that the influence of the famine upon current affairs can now be plainly seen in the unrest and discontent of the people. From many places come news of riots.

"My deliberate opinion," he concludes, "is that the next few months will see the development of dangerous things in this part of China, and that such conditions will have great effect on foreign interests, political as well as commercial."

"The Chinese New Year's festival in the second week of February is watched for with no little degree of uneasiness."

ARREST SOLVES JUAREZ MYSTERY

Prominent Mexican Alleged to Have Brutally Murdered Two Women

By Associated Press. EL PASO, TEXAS, January 28.—In the arrest at Juarez today of Juan Navarro Regalado, a prominent Mexican, it is believed that the mystery surrounding the brutal murder of two young Mexican women of that city has been solved. The women, who were of prominent families, were outraged and chopped to pieces with an axe December 11, being found several hours later. The authorities say the evidence against Regalado is conclusive.

DOUBLE HEADERS IN A COLLISION

Two Passenger Trains with Two Engines Each Collide—One Killed

By Associated Press. DICKINSON, N. D., January 28.—A mix of orders, it is alleged, caused a collision of Northern Pacific passenger train No. 4, eastbound, and No. 5, westbound, four miles east of Dickinson early this morning. Both were double headers. Andrew Thompson, fireman of the first engine of No. 5, was killed. All the other firemen and engineers sustained minor injuries. No passengers were seriously injured.

Rain Today WASHINGTON, January 28.—Forecast for Arizona: Rain in south; rain or snow in northern portion Tuesday; Wednesday fair in southern; rain or snow in the northern portion.

LONG TALK ON CHILD SLAVERY

Senator Beveridge Talks for Four Hours and Has Not Concluded His Speech.

MINORITY REPORT ON SHIP SUBSIDY

Hill, Harriman and Republican Protection Policy Assailed by Democratic Members of the Merchant Marine Committee

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, January 28.—Senator Beveridge occupied the attention of the senate throughout the day with a continuation of his arguments in behalf of the child labor bill. He had only reached the legal and constitutional phase of the question after speaking for more than four hours, and arrangements were made whereby he will conclude tomorrow. In taking the position as to the power which congress could exercise any restraint it saw fit in interstate commerce, Beveridge met a fusillade of questions by his colleagues and the progress of the argument was slow.

Beveridge said the power to regulate was absolute and he maintained that the question of policy would always restrain any hasty regulations. The senate adopted a resolution directing the interstate commerce commission to report as to the position held by C. S. Hanks, who recently stated before the Boston Chamber of Commerce that railroads could be reduced 10 per cent without impairing dividends. The resolution also asks for the facts on which this statement was based. Both houses today adopted a joint resolution continuing the joint postal commission until its affairs could be wound up.

Magnates Assailed J. J. Hill, E. H. Harriman and the Republican policy of protection are assailed in the minority adverse report on the Luttauer compromise ship subsidy bill, which was filed in the house today by Representative Spight of Mississippi. The representation is signed by Mr. Spight and the Democratic members of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, Messrs. Gouldin, Sherry and Patterson. After reviewing the proposed subsidies to South American and the oriental lines, the report says:

Subsidy Pure Gratuity "It is not pretended that the proposed appropriations are intended to merely compensate for services rendered but admittedly the larger part is a pure gratuity. This objection is fundamental and no amount of sophistry or volume of argument can obscure it. Were it limited simply to payments for new mail routes it might be acceptable for that purpose, though not as a real aid to the merchant marine."

Twenty bills relating to the District of Columbia were passed today in the house. A joint resolution was passed granting permission to the Secretary of War to sell during the next three months to citizens of Montana, at actual cost, limited quantities of hay, straw and grain for domestic use from stock provided for use of the garrison at Fort Assiniboine.

Dixon of Montana explained that there were 20,000 head of cattle in the vicinity of Assiniboine which are now threatened with starvation by reason of the blizzard now raging and in dire need of hay, straw and grain.

GREEKS BURN HOUSES FILLED WITH PEOPLE

By Associated Press. SAFONICA, European Turkey, January 28.—It is stated here that a Greek band recently burned two houses filled with people at the village of Gratchen Drama. The number of the victims is not known.

WALLS COLLAPSE FIREMEN BURIED

Tons of Ice and Debris Cover at Least Three Buffalo Fire Fighters

By Associated Press. BUFFALO, N. Y., January 28.—Buried under tons of ice which covered the debris of the eighty-story Seneca building at 101 Seneca street, destroyed by fire today, three firemen are probably dead or so badly injured that they will die before aid can reach them. About twenty firemen, including the three missing men, were on the roof of the Heywood building adjoining, fighting against the spread of the flames, when two brick walls of the Seneca building collapsed.

Tons of debris crashed down on the roof of the Heywood building, going through the roof and carrying floor after floor to the basement.

Not one of the twenty escaped without injury, but half of them were able to fight their way out and give aid to their less fortunate comrades. The rescuers worked all afternoon, but no trace of the missing men was found. As night fell electric lights were strung into the building and the work of rescue kept up.

MANY ARE RELEASED FROM LEAVENWORTH

By Associated Press. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., January 28.—Eighty-four inmates of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, the most of whom have been punished for desertion, were released today on an order from the secretary of war. This is the largest number ever freed from the prison at any one time. The men had been sentenced to serve from one year up. All had done one year. They were recommended for clemency by Lieutenant Colonel Young, commandant of the prison, because of good behavior.

TRAINMEN'S DEMANDS BEING LISTENED TO

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, January 28.—Conferences between general managers of roads west, southwest and northwest of Chicago and representatives of the conductors' and trainmen's organizations regarding the demands of the latter commenced today with a preliminary meeting. The men are asking an eight hour day and an increase of wages from 10 to 15 per cent. A peaceful solution is expected.

COPPER NOT HELD FROM THE MARKET

Big Producers Deny Allegations of Metal Dealers' Association to Bonaparte.

Head of One Company for New York Says It Is Doubtful if a Carload Could Be Secured for Immediate Delivery.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, January 28.—Representatives of the largest copper companies having offices in this city declared today that there is no truth in the allegation made to Attorney General Bonaparte by the Northeastern Metal Dealers' association to the effect that copper is being withheld from the market by a combination of producers. They denied that there was any such combination and declared that the situation is an unusual one, due to the enormous increase in the demand and the inability to meet the demand.

Some of the copper men experienced great difficulty in keeping enough copper on hand to meet possible emergencies, such as blockades on railroads or going astray of cars. One said that every pound of copper his mines could produce was sold for months ahead and that he doubted that a carload of copper could be obtained today for immediate delivery.

Other producers of copper said that they had considerable copper in process of refinement but this occupied some time and as soon as refined it was shipped to customers who had long been awaiting consignments.

SMALLPOX AMONG CANAL LABORERS

By Associated Press. COLON, Panama, January 28.—The French steamer St. Germaine, bringing two hundred laborers for the canal from West Indian ports, arrived here today and were at once placed in quarantine on account of smallpox on board.

Subonic Plague in Sydney

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Making an Honest Living Now

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Only Three More Jurors to Be Selected in Famous New York Murder Trial.

ANOTHER SPECIAL VENIRE FOR TALESMEN

Pittsburg Witnesses Leave Today and Taking of Testimony Is Expected to Begin at Tomorrow's Session.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, January 28.—The jury to try Harry Thaw is nearly completed. When court adjourned this evening there were nine men in the jury box, one having been added during the morning session and one just before adjournment. It is said the taking of testimony will begin Wednesday afternoon.

Fifty talesmen were examined today and so rapidly were the remaining members of a special panel disposed of at the morning session that at the noon recess orders were hurried from court for the summoning of an additional one hundred men, who are to report tomorrow morning. This will make a total of three hundred men thus far summoned.

Many Excused Of the original panel there remained today only thirty-five. Of the fifty men examined today forty-four were excused on doctor's certificates or because they had formed opinions too strong to be shaken by evidence. Five talesmen were challenged peremptorily, the state leading in the challenges.

The New Jurors The two men who proved acceptable were Charles D. Newton, a retired railroad official aged 65 years, and Louis Haus, New York representative of a candy concern, aged 30. In accepting the latter Jerome dwelt some time on the question of reasonable doubt.

Haus seemed of the idea that a conviction for murder in the first degree should be returned when such a doubt as one might feel in regard to some vital issue in his own life had been removed by the evidence. This seemed satisfactory to the district attorney.

Jerome continued today to base his examination of the talesmen on the belief that Thaw's counsel may offer two defenses, one of emotional insanity and the other the "unwritten law."

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at Whiteley's store. Two children are alleged to have been born to Emily, who subsequently confessed with regard to the first child that Rayner was not its father. Rayner repudiated being the father of the second child, though he accepted the responsibility of parentage as regarding this particular child. It was this alleged son who shot Whiteley.

Accept Carnegie's Gift

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, January 28.—The supervisory committee of the International Bureau of American Republics today adopted a resolution accepting the Carnegie gift of \$750,000 to erect a permanent home for the bureau here.

SUSPECTED OF KILLING DOCTOR

Former Car Conductor Arrested for Murder of Prominent Physician

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, January 28.—John Bell, a former street car conductor of Brooklyn, has been arrested, suspected of knowing something of the death of Dr. Charles Townsend at Staten Island Friday night. Bell had blamed Townsend for his wife's death, he being the attending physician.

The arrest was sensational. The police surrounded the house they were told Bell was occupying, broke in and compelled him to surrender.

Later Bell was taken to Staten Island and it is probable that he will be taken before Mrs. Townsend for identification. Detectives declare they can produce two witnesses who claim to have seen Bell in the vicinity of the Townsend house Friday night and Saturday morning.

Inspector Schmittberger said the prisoner Silverman, arrested the day of the murder, was taken a second time before Townsend, who asked that the peaked cap be pulled over his eyes and that a handkerchief be placed over the lower part of the man's face. When this had been done the inspector said the wounded man exclaimed, "That's the man who shot me." Then turning to Silverman, Townsend asked: "What hellish work and devilry were you up to last night?" Silverman made no reply.

BAILEY CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION

Texas Senators Resent Newspaper Story that They Were Influenced

By Associated Press. AUSTIN, Texas, January 28.—A telegram alleged to have been sent from here to certain newspapers charges that Senator Bailey had corrupted the morals of the voting strength of the Texas state legislature in his race for re-election as United States senator "by use of wine, women and money."

Members resent the statement and the senate today appointed a committee to investigate the conduct of the newspapers to see who, if anyone, sent out the story.

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JAP CONTROVERSY SHAKES COUNCIL

Upper House Reconsiders Resolution of Sympathy for San Francisco People.

REPUBLICANS FOUND JOKER IN RESOLUTION

Claim It Was a Slap at Federal Administration—Hunt Introduces Bill for More Gila County Courthouse Bonds.

Special to the Silver Belt. PHOENIX, Ariz., January 28.—The first battle royal of the council occurred today over the motion to reconsider the concurrent resolution expressing sympathy with California in the Japanese situation controversy. The resolution had been unanimously concurred in by ten or more. Cleveland, who moved the reconsideration, said it had been discovered that the measure was a covert attack upon the national administration. The motion was vigorously opposed by Weedon, Hunt, O'Neill, the latter of whom "roasted" the administration for its action in the matter, and warmly supported by Cleveland, Duran and Blakeley. By a strict vote, the resolution was passed.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by both houses extending an invitation to Bryan, now on the coast, to come to Phoenix and address the legislature.

Many Bills Presented A flood of bills was introduced in the council today. Among them are the following:

By Hunt: Authorizing Gila county to issue bonds for \$25,000 for the completion of the courthouse and jail.

By Hunt: Amending the law for incorporation of towns and authorizing town councils to act on the settlement of the majority of residents in the county to incorporation.

By Cleveland: For the revival of Chapter 5, Title Revised Laws of 1887. The bill proposed is a general remodeling of laws omitted from that revision and in certain cases the legislation proposed is to be supplanted by common law when applicable to natural and physical conditions of the territory.

By Cleveland: Providing for a board of examiners of three to be appointed by the supreme court for examination for admission to the bar and a new form of oath to be imposed.

Insurance Legislation By Weedon: For the amendment of the law regulating foreign insurance companies. They will be required to deposit \$15,000 in securities to make good their policies. Fees in connection with insurance companies to be transferred from the office of the secretary to the auditor and thence to the treasurer.

By O'Neill: Cutting out of the statutes all reference to the Arizona Rangers.

Other bills were generally of a local character.

In the House The only new legislation in the house was a bill by Bell repealing all exemption laws and restoring all railroad beneficiaries of them to be taxed as other property is.

Assemblyman Morgan of Pima appeared this morning. He announced that he would serve. His resignation, which had not been acted upon, had been sent to the governor. It was recalled and laid on the table and Morgan was sworn in.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR CROOKED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE

MUSKOGEE, I. T., January 28.—W. T. Martin Jr., convicted of stealing a Creek Indian roll from the Dawes commission, was today sentenced to serve one year and one day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and to pay a fine of \$10,000. Judge Lawrence refused to grant a new trial. An appeal will be taken.

LIVES LOST IN NEW MEXICO MINE

Coal Mine Catches Fire from Misplaced Shot—Three Suffocated

By Associated Press. PUEBLO, Colo., January 28.—A special to the Chieftain from Trinidad says:

"Willow mine No. 5 of St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific company, near Van Houten, N. M., caught fire this morning from a misplaced shot and is still burning. All of the miners except three escaped and it is believed they were suffocated in the flames. All attempts at rescue have been futile. As there is no direct communication with the property further details are not obtainable tonight."

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